Production-cum-training centres for Garment Manufacture

*195. SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and location of production-cum-training centres for manufacture of readymade garments that are functioning in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government propose to set up some more such type of centres in the State during 1994-95 and during the re-remaining period of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof and also the funds allocated for the above purpose: and

(d) the time by which these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) Government have not set up any production-cum-training centre formanufacture of readymade garments in Gujarat State. This Ministry has also no information about any other agency having set up any such centre or any proposal to set up such centres in Gujarat State during the 8th Plan period.

Reducing the Share of Indirect Taxes

*196. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Industries has requested Government to reduce the share of indirect taxes for a rapid industrialisation in the country by broad-basing the direct taxes in the total revenues, in view of the liberalisation adopted by Government in the industrial sector; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government on these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The share of direct taxes in total Central Government tax revenues has increased in recent years and it is the intention of government to continue this trend.

Non-utilisation of Transponders

*197. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 extended C-band transponders in Insat 1A and Insat 2B have been lying unutilised;

(b) if so, since when, and what are the details in this regard;

(c) when these were purchased and at what cost and what are the reasons for their lying unutilised;

(d) how and when these are likely to be utilised;

(e) whether Government have received any complaints from the Satellite Communication industry about lack of definite policy in this regard;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(g) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to tap the immense market potential which exists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, There is no Insat I-A satelite available in orbit There are six transponder in extended C-band on INSAT-B Satellite. One is already being utilized and remaining five have been allocated no various users.